

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA TAXICAB COMMISSION

NOTICE OF FINAL RULEMAKING

The District of Columbia Taxicab Commission (“Commission”), pursuant to the authority set forth in Sections 8(c)(2), (3), (5), (7), (12), (15), and (19), 14, and 20 of the District of Columbia Taxicab Commission Establishment Act of 1985 (“Establishment Act”), effective March 25, 1986 (D.C. Law 6-97; D.C. Official Code §§ 50-307(c)(2) (3), (5), (7), (12), (15), and (19), 50-313, and 50-319 (2012 Repl. & 2015 Supp.)), and D.C. Official Code § 47-2829 (b), (d), (e), (e-1), and (i) (2012 Repl. & 2015 Supp.), hereby gives notice of its intent to adopt amendments to Chapter 5 (Taxicab Companies, Associations and Fleets) of Title 31 (Taxicabs and Public Vehicles-for-Hire) of the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations (DCMR).

This final rulemaking clarifies the existing rule in § 517, which is not intended by the Commission to provide a basis for the civil liability of a taxicab company or association to any person. No substantive change is intended by this clarification. This rulemaking also changes the title of this chapter.

Proposed rulemaking was adopted by the Commission on August 12, 2015 and published in the *D.C. Register* on November 6, 2015, 2015 at 62 DCR 014357. The Commission did not receive any comments during the comment period, which expired on December 6, 2016 and no substantial changes have been made.

The Commission voted to adopt these rules as final on January 20, 2016, and they will become effective upon publication in the *D.C. Register*.

Chapter 5, TAXICAB COMPANIES, ASSOCIATIONS AND FLEETS, is amended as follows:

The title of Chapter 5 is amended to read as follows:

TAXICAB COMPANIES AND ASSOCIATIONS

Section 517, LIABILITY FOR CONDUCT OF EMPLOYEES, is amended to read as follows:

517 LIABILITY FOR CONDUCT OF ASSOCIATED PERSONS

517.1 For purposes of enforcement of and compliance with this title, each taxicab company and association shall be responsible for the conduct of its employees, contractors, agents, associated operators (where applicable), and associated owners (where applicable). The conduct for which each taxicab company and association shall be responsible includes ensuring that taxicabs are operated:

- (a) With the licenses required by this title and other applicable law;

- (b) With the insurance required by this title and other applicable law;
- (c) In a safe and lawful manner; and
- (d) By an operator who is not impaired by lawful or unlawful intoxicants.